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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 9-463.05, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT FEES.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 9-463.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9-463.05. <u>Development fees: imposition by cities and towns: infrastructure improvements plan: annual report: limitation on actions: definition</u>

- A. A municipality may assess development fees to offset costs to the municipality associated with providing necessary public services to a development, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, IMPROVEMENTS, REAL PROPERTY, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, FINANCING, OTHER CAPITAL COSTS AND ASSOCIATED APPURTENANCES, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNISHINGS AND OTHER PERSONALTY.
- B. Development fees assessed by a municipality under this section are subject to the following requirements:
- 1. Development fees shall result in a beneficial use to the development.
- 2. Monies received from development fees assessed pursuant to this section shall be placed in a separate fund and accounted for separately and may only be used for the purposes authorized by this section. MONIES RECEIVED FROM A DEVELOPMENT FEE IDENTIFIED IN AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN ADOPTED OR AMENDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO PROVIDE THE SAME CATEGORY OF NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICE FOR WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT FEE WAS ASSESSED. Interest earned on monies in the separate fund shall be credited to the fund.
- 3. The schedule for payment of fees shall be provided by the municipality. The municipality shall provide a credit toward the payment of a development fee for the required dedication of public sites, and improvements provided by the developer for which that development fee is assessed and other necessary public services included in the infrastructure IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND FOR WHICH A DEVELOPMENT FEE IS ASSESSED, TO THE EXTENT THE PUBLIC SITES, IMPROVEMENTS AND NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER. The developer of residential dwelling units shall be required to pay development fees when construction permits for the dwelling units are issued, OR AT A LATER TIME IF SPECIFIED IN A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 9-500.05. IF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR FEES TO BE PAID AT A TIME LATER THAN THE ISSUANCE OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, THE DEFERRED FEES SHALL BE PAID NO LATER THAN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE VALUE OF ANY DEFERRED FEES TO BE SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE SECURITY, INCLUDING A SURETY BOND, LETTER OF CREDIT OR CASH BOND.
- 4. The amount of any development fees assessed pursuant to this section must bear a reasonable relationship to the burden imposed upon the municipality to provide additional necessary public services to the development. The municipality, in determining the extent of the burden imposed by the development, shall consider, among other things, the

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contribution made or to be made in the future in cash or by taxes, fees or assessments by the property owner towards the capital costs of the necessary public service covered by the development fee.

- 5. If development fees are assessed by a municipality, such fees shall be assessed in a non-discriminatory NONDISCRIMINATORY manner.
- 6. In determining and assessing a development fee applying to land in a community facilities district established under title 48, chapter 4, article 6, the municipality shall take into account all public infrastructure provided by the district and capital costs paid by the district for necessary public services and shall not assess a portion of the development fee based on the infrastructure or costs.
- C. A municipality shall give at least sixty days' advance notice of intention to assess a new or increased MODIFIED development fee and shall release to the public a written report including all THAT IDENTIFIES THE METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF THE DEVELOPMENT FEE, EXPLAINS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT FEE AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN. INCLUDES documentation that supports the assessment of a new or increased MODIFIED development fee AND IDENTIFIES ANY INDEX OR INDICES TO BE USED FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT FEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION AND THE TIMING OF THOSE ADJUSTMENTS. The municipality shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed new or increased MODIFIED development fee at any time after the expiration of the sixty day notice of intention to assess a new or increased MODIFIED development fee and at least fourteen THIRTY days prior to the scheduled date of adoption of the new or increased MODIFIED fee by the governing body. A development fee assessed pursuant to this section shall not be effective until ninety SEVENTY-FIVE days after its formal adoption by the governing body of the municipality. Nothing in this subsection shall affect any development fee adopted prior to July 24, 1982.
- D. BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT OF A NEW OR MODIFIED DEVELOPMENT FEE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT OR AMEND AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL RELEASE THE PLAN TO THE PUBLIC, MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE DOCUMENTS USED TO PREPARE THE PLAN AND PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:
- 1. AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MAY BE ADOPTED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, AND THE MUNICIPALITY MAY PROVIDE FOR AND SCHEDULE THE NOTICES AND HEARINGS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION TOGETHER WITH THE NOTICES AND HEARINGS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.
- 2. A MUNICIPALITY MAY AMEND AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING IF THE AMENDMENT ADDRESSES ONLY ELEMENTS OF NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICES THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

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IMPROVEMENTS PLAN. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THOSE AMENDMENTS AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THEIR EFFECTIVE DATE.

- E. FOR EACH NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A DEVELOPMENT FEE, THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN SHALL:
- 1. ESTIMATE FUTURE NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT AND THE BASIS FOR THE ESTIMATE.
- 2. FORECAST THE COSTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, IMPROVEMENTS, REAL PROPERTY, FINANCING, OTHER CAPITAL COSTS AND ASSOCIATED APPURTENANCES, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNISHINGS AND OTHER PERSONALTY THAT WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH MEETING THOSE FUTURE NEEDS FOR NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICES AND ESTIMATE THE TIME REQUIRED TO FINANCE AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICES.
- F. A MUNICIPALITY MAY AUTOMATICALLY ADJUST A DEVELOPMENT FEE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING IF THE ADJUSTMENT IS BASED ON A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INDEX APPLICABLE TO THE COST OF THE NECESSARY PUBLIC SERVICE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT FEE AND THE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THOSE ADJUSTMENTS AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THEIR EFFECTIVE DATE.
- θ . G. Each municipality that assesses development fees shall submit an annual report accounting for the collection and use of the fees. The annual report shall include the following:
- 1. The amount assessed by the municipality for each type of development fee.
- 2. The balance of each fund maintained for each type of development fee assessed as of the beginning and end of the fiscal year.
- 3. The amount of interest or other earnings on the monies in each fund as of the end of the fiscal year.
 - 4. The amount of development fee monies used to repay:
- (a) Bonds issued by the municipality to pay the cost of a capital improvement project that is the subject of a development fee assessment.
- (b) Monies advanced by the municipality from funds other than the funds established for development fees in order to pay the cost of a capital improvement project that is the subject of a development fee assessment.
- 5. The amount of development fee monies spent on each capital improvement project that is the subject of a development fee assessment and the physical location of each capital improvement project.
- 6. The amount of development fee monies spent for each purpose other than a capital improvement project that is the subject of a development fee assessment.
- E. H. Within ninety days following the end of each fiscal year, each municipality shall submit a copy of the annual report to the city clerk. Copies shall be made available to the public on request. The annual report may contain financial information that has not been audited.
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J. ANY ACTION TO COLLECT A DEVELOPMENT FEE SHALL BE COMMENCED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE OBLIGATION TO PAY THE FEE ACCRUES.

K. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN" MEANS ONE OR MORE WRITTEN PLANS THAT INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY IDENTIFY EACH PUBLIC SERVICE THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE THE SUBJECT OF A DEVELOPMENT FEE AND OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, AND MAY BE THE MUNICIPALITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.

Sec. 2. Applicability

Section 9-463.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, applies to development fees adopted or amended on or after the effective date of this act and shall not affect development fees duly adopted or amended before the effective date of this act.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 24, 2007.

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